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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to an Office Action, dated August 12, 2003, in the above-identified application, in which the Examiner made his rejections of the claims final.

A Petition for a one-month extension of time and the appropriate fee according to 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1) accompany this response.

Notice of Appeal pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.191 and the appropriate fee according to 37 CFR § 1.17(b) are filed concurrently herewith.

To avoid abandonment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fee required for this response to Deposit Account No. 50-0268.

Amendments to the claims are indicated in the "Listing of the Claims" beginning on page 2, below. Applicants' comments in "Remarks" follow the Listing of the Claims on page 11.